

## ***Recycling Rewards – Morgan Hill's Curbside Recycling Program***

We collect and recycle the following in our curbside recycling program:

\*Mixed Paper \* Cardboard \* Newspaper\* Yard Trimmings \* Plastics \* Glass \* Metals\*  
\*Used Motor Oil \* Used Oil Filters\*

### ***Our Challenge To You***

The City of Morgan Hill has challenged its residents to voluntarily meet State mandated recycling goals. As a community we are unusual because we are asking you to voluntarily recycle and reduce the amount you throw in the trash each month. Other cities use a volume-based rate system which charges residents based on how much garbage they throw out. The more trash, the higher your bill. Our City Council thinks Morgan Hill residents are different. We in Morgan Hill pride ourselves on being a community that doesn't rely on economic mandates to force us to recycle. Instead, we maintain our unlimited collection program, because it's more convenient for the residents, with the expectation that people are going to recycle because it's the right thing to do – not because they don't have room for their recyclables in their garbage can.

## **Here Is How To Recycle In Morgan Hill**

### ***Paper and Fiber Products***

**Mixed Paper** goes into your small green or blue recycling bin. Mixed paper includes: white paper, colored paper, computer paper, newspaper, envelopes, cereal boxes, cracker boxes, gift boxes, glossy paper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, unsolicited mail, Post-It™ notes, paper egg cartons, brown paper grocery bags and wrapping paper. Box liners from cereal type products need to be removed. **Corrugated Cardboard** must be cut down to 3' x 3' pieces, flattened and bundled with string or tape and placed next to the bin. ***What types of paper are unacceptable?*** Food contaminated paper, facial tissues, paper towels, napkins, metallic, waxy and plasticized paper all go into the garbage.

### ***Plastic, Glass & Metal***

In our program, these items all go together in your brown, wheeled toter. We accept the following:

**Plastics** (#1 through #7 only) which include clear, opaque & solid colored bottles & jugs including milk jugs, water bottles, shampoo bottles, yogurt cups, margarine tubs, polystyrene blocks, polystyrene packing peanuts (must be in secured or tied clear plastic bag), polystyrene and plastic "take-out" containers. Other plastics and caps with no code belong in the garbage can. No plastic bags are accepted at this time.

**Aseptic Containers** which are milk cartons and juice boxes, even the small ones.

**Glass** any kind of glass food jar or beverage bottle including wine and juice bottles, mayonnaise and spaghetti sauce jars. Remove the lids and place them separately in the toter and rinse the jars.

**Metals** include all metal food and beverage containers including those made of aluminum, tin, steel and bi-metal such as tuna, soda, pet food and soup cans. Lids are ok. No aluminum foil, please.

### ***Yard Trimmings***

**Yard Trimmings** which include grass clippings, leaves, and small branches (less than 3' in length) go into the green yard waste toter. Overflow can be placed in regular 32 gallon garbage cans or tied in bundles. Small branches can be tied into bundles of no larger than 3' x 3' and placed next to your toter. You may place up to 7 additional cans or bundles out each recycling day. Do not put more than 150lbs in your yard waste toter or more than 50lbs in any extra collection container. If you have more than 7 cans or bundles, call South Valley Disposal & Recycling at 842-3358 and they will provide you with a "yard waste voucher" which will allow you to take your yard waste directly to the San Martin Transfer Station at no charge. **Note:** This option is available to residential customers only. No landscapers or gardeners with commercial South Valley Disposal accounts may participate in this program. **Do not use plastic bags to collect yard waste – plastic does not compost!** Do not put rocks, dirt, concrete, building materials, ashes, fruit or vegetable waste, ice plants, palm fronds, cactus, poison ivy, poison oak, bug-infested plants, animal waste, tree stumps, trunks, painted tree debris, or other garbage in your yard-waste toter.

### ***What if I need more Containers?***

Residents may request as many extra recycling containers as they need at no additional charge. It is ok to switch containers based on your needs. (ie: use the 64-gallon for mixed paper and blue bin for cans/glass/plastics.) Call the City at 779-7247 to request additional containers.

### ***Are You A "Do-It Yourself"?***

If so, **Used Motor Oil and Oil Filters** that are placed in specially provided containers will be collected. Call 842-3358 to receive oil collection containers and sealable oil filter bags.

### ***How Often are Recyclables Collected?***

Recycling is picked up every-other-week on your regularly scheduled collection day. If you need a schedule, please call South Valley Disposal at 842-3358.

Si le gustaria tener una copia de esta informacion en español por favor llame al 408-842-3358.